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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Joseph Gajowski  
907 Madison Avenue  
Madison, IL 62060

Dear Mr. Gajowski:

It was a pleasure talking with you this afternoon. During our conversation you informed me of a number of rumors surrounding the NL/Taracorp superfund cleanup in the Madison, Granite City, and Venice area. Below is the written statement regarding EPA's cleanup plans you requested.

1. EPA has no plans to condemn any residential property as part of this cleanup and never has had any plans to condemn any residential property.

2. The access agreement recently sent to you and other residents is for soil sampling only and does not give EPA consent to excavate your yard if contamination is found. The purpose of the sampling is to determine whether any cleanup is necessary and the extent of the cleanup.

3. If sampling data indicates that unsafe levels of contamination are present, representatives of EPA will inform you of the situation. A second access agreement will be sent for this purpose.

4. Residential property owners will not be charged for the cost of the cleanup.

5. Contaminated soil removed from a property will be replaced with clean soil.

6. The cleanup includes returning residential properties to their original condition, except for the removal of the contamination. For example, clean soil and fresh sod will be placed in areas where lawn was removed to excavate the contaminated soil. The cleanup is not anticipated to require moving fences or sidewalks. If, however, these are damaged during the cleanup, they will be fixed or replaced.

7. The form requesting access to the home for a home